

Correspondence was submitted and accessions to the Library were reported.

The Free Public Library, Jersey City, was placed on exchange list to receive Proceedings.

The Library Committee reported suggestions to facilitate the replacing of the books on the shelves in the Society's Library; that the Library room should be finished; that book-cases to contain works of reference should be placed in the meeting room, and that the Society should appropriate \$500 for the purchase of new books.

After this latter recommendation had been presented, a letter was read from the Treasurer requesting that no appropriation should be made for that purpose for the present, giving his reasons for the same.

The Committee's recommendation was postponed for the present.

The minutes of the Board of Officers and Council were submitted.

Pending nominations Nos. 1217, 1218 and 1219 were read, spoken to, and balloted for, and No. 2187, Commander F. M. Green, U. S. School Ship *Saratoga*, was declared elected a member of the Society.

And the Society was adjourned by the presiding member.

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*Stated Meeting, March 6, 1891.*

Present, 19 members.

President, Mr. FRALEY, in the Chair.

Correspondence was presented and donations to the Library reported:

A letter from Theodore Turrettini (Geneva, February 8, 1891) accepting membership.

A circular in relation to the formation of State library associations.

A circular in relation to the Fifth International Geographical Congress to be held in Washington, August 26, 1891.

A circular from the Society of Borda, Dax, announcing the death of M. Henry du Boucher, a former President.

A circular from l'Académie des Sciences, etc., de Belgique, announcing the death of Lieut.-General J. B. I. Liagre, its Permanent Secretary.

A letter from R. Brabbée (Vienna VIII, Kochgasse 27) enclosing a specimen of his new method of reckoning.

A letter from Dr. Antonio Del Bon (Padua) in relation to Prof. P. E. Chase's paper on "English and Sanskrit Root-analogues."

Letters from August Tischner (Leipzig) on "The Celestial Phenomena," "The Movements of the Sun in Space," "The Movements of the Planets," "The Solar System" and "The Elements of the Elliptic Orbits."

A paper by Dr. D. G. Brinton entitled "Some Vocabularies from the Musquito Coast" was presented.

Dr. J. Cheston Morris presented a pamphlet entitled "Tepeu" (by Dr. Thomas E. Pickett), on the hypothetical migrations of the *Morbus Americanus*, upon which he made some remarks, referring to the account given by Josephus of the evils caused the Jewish youth by the entrance of the Midianitish women into the Hebrew camp.

Dr. J. Cheston Morris made some remarks on "Hebrew Phonetics," and was followed by Prof. J. P. Lesley upon the same subject.

Prof. Lesley made some remarks on a report by Mr. John Fulton (Johnstown, Pa.) on the diminution of the supply of natural gas and its ratio.

Dr. Morris called attention to the case of the miners recently entombed at Jeanesville, Pa., for nineteen days almost without food. "They were found in a breast near where they had been working. The water from an abandoned mine at a much higher level, estimated at 145 feet, had entered the mine and

imprisoned them. This is the longest period in the history of mining in Pennsylvania of preservation of life under such circumstances. And in this connection it may be also well consider that in no case on record has an attempt at cannibalism been made by the sufferers. This fact should be placed to the credit of a class of men too often unjustly despised and maligned. When these men were borne alive from the mine, the whole crowd of bystanders accompanied them to the temporary hospital singing the doxology.

“The level of the water in abandoned mine dropped slowly, day by day, in consequence of pumping incessantly, at rates varying from two to fourteen feet.”

New nominations Nos. 1220, 1221 and 1222 were read.

The Committee on Improved Accommodations reported progress.

Prof. Cope, from the Committee appointed December 19, 1890, to consider the improvement of the Proceedings of the Society, presented a report.

Considerable discussion took place upon the same, and the following resolution was adopted, *nem. con.*:

*Resolved*, That the Report and Resolutions accompanying be recommended to the same Committee, and the Committee be continued in order to obtain fuller data as to the matters therein referred to; and the Committee be instructed to present its Report at the first meeting of the Society in May, 1891 (May 1).

On motion, the Society

*Resolved*, That the Treasurer, J. Sergeant Price, Esq., be authorized and directed to give notice to the City of Philadelphia to quit the rooms in the building of the Society now occupied by it for the use of the courts and its officers, at the end of the present tenancy, viz., on the 1st of July, 1891.

And the Society was adjourned by the President.